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For: TEMPERATURE INDICATING DISPOSABLE LID FOR BEVERAGE
CONTAINER

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This document and the accompanying, enclosed patent are in response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2005, with respect to the above-identified patent application.

Claims 1 - 11 were pending in the application at the time of the issuance of the Office Action. All of claims 1 - 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent to Pariseau. In the Office Action, the Pariseau patent was identified as U.S. Patent No. 6,479,006. Reference was also made in the Office Action to the concept that the Pariseau patent disclosed, in FIG. 10, a lid having "temperature threshold means."

Applicants obtained a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,479,006. A copy of the '006 patent is enclosed. As apparent from the face of the patent, the inventor for the '006 patent is Kaufmann, and the patent is directed to a method for framing a decorative material.

To the extent that the '006 patent is applied to the claims of the current patent application. Applicants respectfully traverse the §102(e) rejection, on the basis that Applicants' invention as defined in claims 1 - 11 is not anticipated, or otherwise taught or suggested by any of the teachings of the '006 patent.

Applicants assume that because Pariseau is not identified as an inventor for the enclosed '006 patent, there is another patent being referenced by the Examiner.

In any event, Applicants continue to believe that claims 1 - 11 as currently pending in the patent application are in condition for allowance, and early notification of allowability is respectfully requested. However, if the reference to a patent for which one of the inventors is Pariseau is a different patent being referenced by the Examiner, Applicants are completely willing to review such patent and respond to the Examiner with respect to any rejections which may be set forth by the Examiner. In the meantime, should any questions arise in connection with the above, please contact Thomas L. Lockhart at the telephone number of (616) 336-6000.

Respectfully submitted,

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